

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

SMALL FARMS WEEK AND SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's small farms are an important part of this State's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, through the years, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

WHEREAS, today, the owners of small farms help North Carolina maintain a strong and stable economy by generating millions of dollars from the sale of commodities; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina 84% of all the farms or 43,139 are small farms, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture produced by the USDA National Statistics Service; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in American agriculture, small farms continue their role as leaders of North Carolina's agricultural tradition; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, The Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, March 25-31, 2007, as "SMALL FARMS WEEK" and March 28, 2007, as "SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to support efforts to help small farms grow and prosper.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike Easley".

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.